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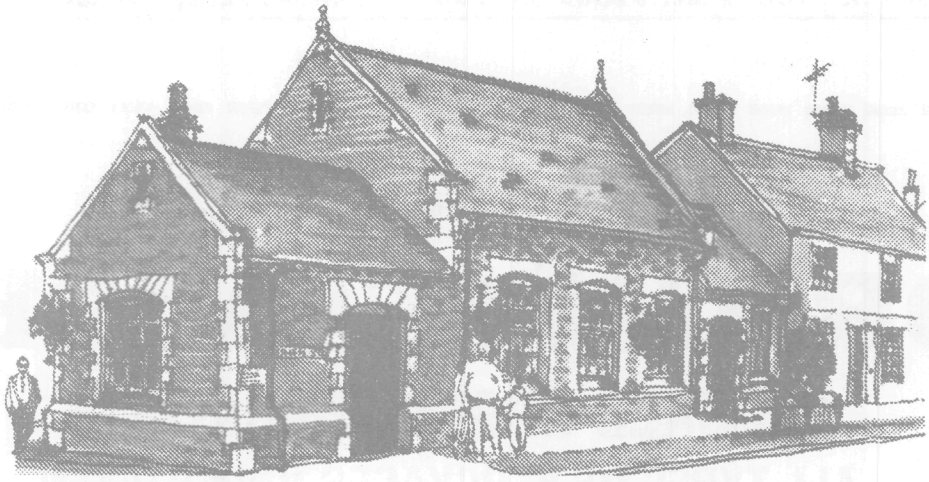

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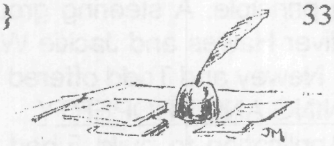

EDITORIAL

This month's copy suggests that the Parish has escaped the anguish of the recent F. and M. outbreak. We can thank our own personal deities if we wish. I'd equally wish to acknowledge the efficacy of responsible action on the part of farmers and residents alike. It is an example of a community's strength when it can accomodate disparate aims and not lose sight of the well-being of the whole. Alastair and Debbie Welford ask children to suggest names for their newly-born Highland Cattle. *(Editor's Postbag.)* Hard to think of a better way to mark the end of the F. and M. threat.

To continue the community theme. There is a FOR SALE notice above one of Deddington's garages. John Donne wrote that "any man's death diminishes me." Not directly applicable to a garage perhaps, but the principle is sound. If our amenities slip away, we are *all* the poorer, even if we have never driven anything more gung-ho than a tricycle. (The soap box is now back in the attic.)

Charles Newey's Farmers' Market initiative drew about 38 people to the Town Hall exploratory meeting on June 8. There's much to consider but the interest is there. Oxfordshire Library Services and the FDL ask for our views on extended opening hours at Deddington's Library. The DN's Poetry Competition was a revelation. Children and adults still respond to the age-old magic of words and literary form. Congratulations to the three winners, whose poems will be read at the DN's birthday celebrations at the Castle Grounds in early September. We are printing a selection of the entries over the next few months.

Sylvie Spenceley retires from the DN with this issue. Editor for three years, Clubs Editor for four, Daeda's Wood correspondent, mentor and prop - you leave a very large gap, Sylvie. Our affectionate thanks come with a reminder of your continuing obligations as DN elder stateswoman and letter writer.

No DN in August. Summer holidays all round.

Kristin Thompson

Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 – 12.
Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.
Fridays: British Legion, Prize Bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm

JULY DIARY

Mon	2	Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon.
Wed	4	Deddington Ladies; the Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri	6	Deddington Babies & Toddlers Outing to Hatton Country World. (p. 7)
Tue	10	WI: *Seasonal Flower Arrangments*, Mrs Barbara Upton, Holly Tree, 7 30 pm.
Wed	11	Deddington History Society: Visit to Cropredy. (p.6)
Fri	13	John Cheney's More Poetry Please ! at the Upper Room, Unicorn, Maket Place, 7.30 pm. (p.8)
Fri	13	Library Questionnaire to be returned to Deddington Library (p. 3)
Mon	16	Deddington Youth Club: Open Evening with special events, Windmill Centre, 7-9 pm. (p.6)
Wed	18	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm
Sun	29	British Legion Club: Live music; songs from shows, opera and light classics . £2 inc strawberries.
		NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN AUGUST

AUGUST DIARY

Wed	1	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Sat	4	British Legion Club Open Day, 2pm.
Sat	4	British Legion Club: Live Music, *Tequila*, 8.45 pm.
Mon	6	Monday Morning Club: coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon
Sat	14	WI outing to Southsea.
Tue	21	**COPY DATE FOR SEPTEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**

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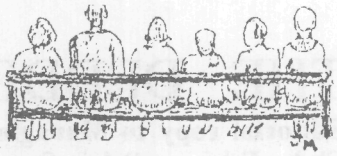
DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Note of meeting on 20 June 2001, Town Hall

Attended by Cllrs Clinch (chair), Bell, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Flux, Hart, Hill, Newey, Swash, Todd, Walker, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 6 members of the public.

A FARMERS' MARKET FOR DEDDINGTON?

38 people attended an exploratory meeting, including livestock farmers from the area. There are many aspects to consider – financial, social, legal, environmental. PC supported the idea in principle. A steering group was set up with Oliver Hawes and Jackie Williamson. Cllrs Clinch, Newey and Todd offered to help.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

(i) Application to build 5-bed house, with 3 garages, on land *east of Castle Barns and Stonewalls, Clifton Road, Deddington.*

PC objected - (a) this important view into the village should be preserved; (b) dangerous access to the proposed development;
(c) obvious potential for multi-occupancy;
(d) neighbouring property owners object.

Time is short. Parishioners who feel strongly are advised to write to CDC immediately.

(ii) *The Tchure, Deddington* - barn conversion. PC no objection.

(iii) *5 The Lane, Hempton* – conservatory and garage. PC no objection.

(iv) *3 Philcote Street, Deddington*. PC repeated previous proviso that replacement windows should be 6-pane.

(v) *Orchard House, Hopcraft Lane, Deddington* – revised application to alter working hours to 8am-7.30pm, Mon-Fri, and 8am-6.30pm Sat. PC recalled a long history of infringement of agreed hours and traffic movements, and wanted more, factual, information. CDC to be asked to defer this application until the next planning cycle (approx 6 weeks) to allow consultation with all interested parties.

(vi) 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Deddington - new porch and access at front plus alterations at rear. PC noted that work appeared to have begun in advance of planning permission.

CDC Approvals

Sunnyside, Hopcraft Lane; Bull Ring Cottage; Pretoria House, Market Place (all in Deddington).

VANDALISM & UNDER-AGE DRINKING

Cllrs expressed concern at recent evidence of vandalism and under-age drinking at the Castle Grounds. Problem needs to be tackled in several ways:

1. identify culprits and contact their parents;
2. clamp down on those supplying the drink;
3. continue to develop facilities and meeting places for young people;
4. PC and police to work together.

FOOTPATHS

Hempton – latest addition to Hempton footpath is not what was called for and is on wrong side of road. Traffic behaviour patterns to be monitored/videoed over next few weeks and results reported back to PC.

Clifton – current proposals could have extra cost implications, and on-site clarification meeting with OCC is required.

Cherwell area – foot-and-mouth restrictions have been lifted. Walkers are asked to observe the Code, which includes keeping dogs on leads at all times.

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

Up-to-date prioritised list of intended repairs to be agreed with OCC. Attention has already been drawn to the dangerous state of the area outside Co-op frontage.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- No further progress on registering the Stonepit to PC. Clerk to pursue.
- Application forms for student grants will be available in July from the Clerk.
- PC to donate £150 to Carers Centre.
- Grants may be available from Nature Conservancy for planting which attracts birds and butterflies. PC to pursue.
- PC gratefully accepted offer of window space in Police Office, Market Place, for use as a parish information display area.

PARISH FINANCES

Invoices passed for payment totalled £7,481.29, including £2,349.98 DesignGro for grounds maintenance, £1,150 J Boss for grasscutting, and £1,019.25 Village Steward, for 5 weeks wages.

Investments totalled £554,036.63 of which £19,970 Bradford & Bingley @ 5% on 120 days; £5,425.29 @ 3% on 14 days; £505,277.47 West Bromwich @ 5.55% + £22,863.87 @ 1.8%, both overnight; £500 current.

DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB

PC agreed to pay for a baby-sitter so that Cllr Davies can attend a meeting with DTFC, called at very short notice. Subject to a satisfactory rental agreement with the Colts, PC will fund additional grass cutting/rolling of Castle Grounds sports pitch area.

NEXT MEETING: 18 July, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Official minutes of PC meetings may be seen at the Clerk's office and the Library, on noticeboards in Deddington, Clifton and Hempton, and on the village website www.deddington.org.uk/pcminutes

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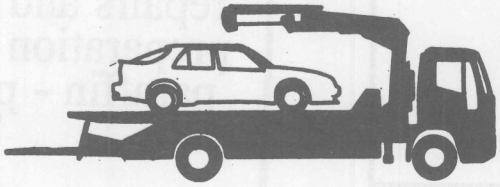

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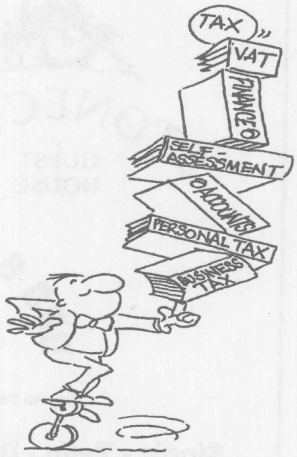

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SCHOOL NEWS

As usual the summer term is proceeding at breakneck speed. Having finished their end of year assessments, the children are now preparing for sports days and educational visits.

Our Key Stage One children will shortly visit Blenheim Palace and Year Three will take a walk through Daeda's Wood to study the river. Year Six children are, or course, looking forward to their new Secondary Schools in September and those moving to the Warriner School will make visits before the end of term.

Also moving on in September are, Mr Alan Jones who will take up a headship in Leeds, Mr Stuart Lester, taking up a position in Charlbury, and Mrs Margaret Brennan who is moving to Canterbury with her family. We wish them the best of luck for the future and thank them for all their hard work at Deddington School.

I should also like to thank everyone who assisted with our recent art project *(the alphabet corridor)*. Your paint donations were gratefully received as were the offers of help from parents, staff and children. In particular I should like to thank Mr Tony Houghton without whose inspiration the project would never have got off the ground. If you have not visited the school recently, please make this your excuse to do so. The transformation of our corridor has to be seen to be believed.

Finally, in this last edition of the DN before the summer break, I should like to thank all parents and School Governors for their support this year, the children for their participation and contribution to school life and, not least, all the Staff for their hard work, dedication and team work. Have a good holiday.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

... and from the PTA

The Annual School Fete on Saturday June 16, raised an amazing £3,001.44 – excellent!! Thanks to everyone who helped and attended. We had a brilliant time. The RAF Parachute display and the dog agility display were particularly popular. Thanks again to parents, families, teachers, governors, local businesses, Centrepoint and Deddington Arms. Without support, no PTA events are possible.

Co-Chairs: TANYA CHADWICK 01869 338948
HELEN COOKE 01295 816049

STAFF VACANCIES: We are currently looking for Learning Support Assistants to work with 2 of our children who will be in Year 3 from September. One position is for 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 9 am. – 12 pm. The other is on Tuesday mornings only, 9 am. – 12 pm. Please apply by letter to me at school as soon as possible, if interested in either post. LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

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The Book Sale, held under the Town Hall on June 9, raised a further £200 (with raffle) for Library Funds. Congratulations to Rosemary Arnold and her helpers.

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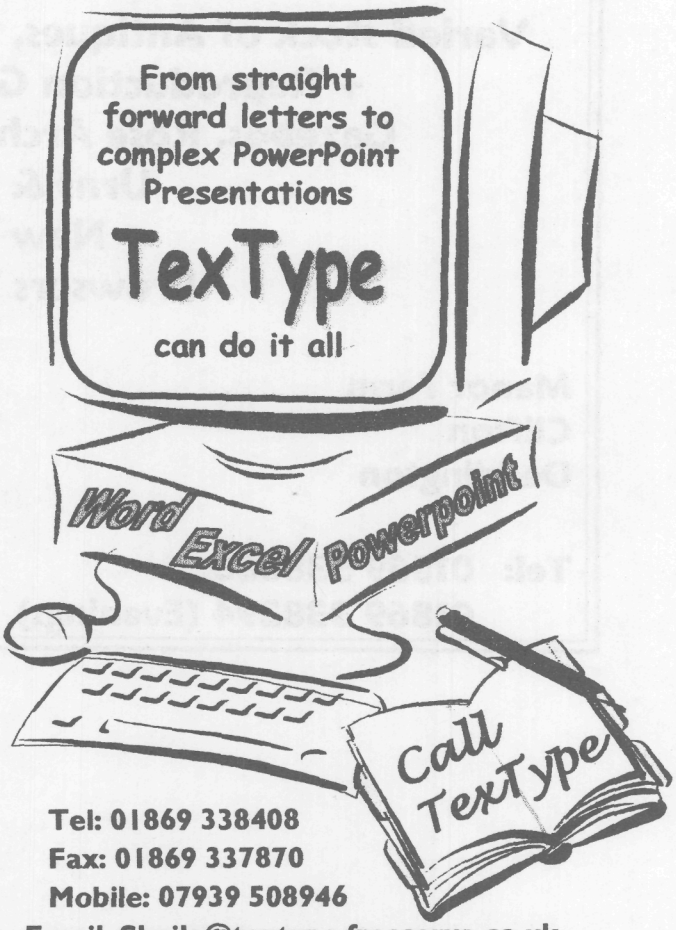

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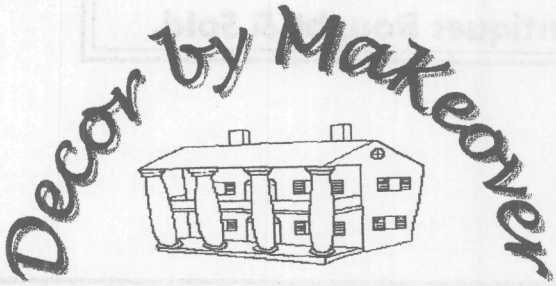

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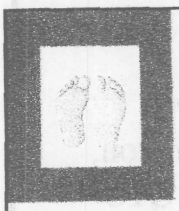

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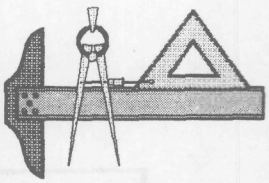

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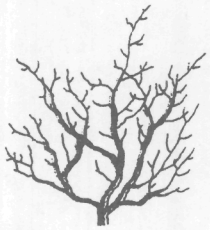

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Wed Aug 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the BVM – Mass for Vigil, Adderbury, Tue Aug 14, 7 pm. Mass for Feast day itself at Hethe, Wed Aug 15, 10 am. and 7.30 pm. Parish Priest: Rev. A.J. BURNS (277396)

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley June-August 1851;-

30th JUNE - I went to Oxford to be present at the Sessions, Susan, John and Robert went also for the day returning by the 3 o'clock train to be present at tea drinking of the National School children - 400 and upwards, which passed off well and happily to all concerned therein. We found milk etc. as usual for them - and gave sundry prizes to those children excelling in certain games, etc.

16th JULY - A cricket match between Deddington and Barton took place in the Castle Grounds - Deddington was victorious.

18th JULY - I attended the Courts again - the prisoner George Savory was convicted and sentenced to 15 years' transportation for the burglary at Great Tew - it was an aggravated case, the prisoner having loaded firearms in his possession, both loaded and capped when he was taken by Edwards the Charlbury policeman, who behaved remarkably well in the matter - so much so that the Judge ordered him a reward of two guineas.

22nd JULY - Went to London to the Exhibition a second time - John and Robert never having seen it, were more pleased than heretofore many things having been added thereto - were three days there.

4th AUGUST - It was Willy's 18th birthday and we all went to Blenheim to spend the day.

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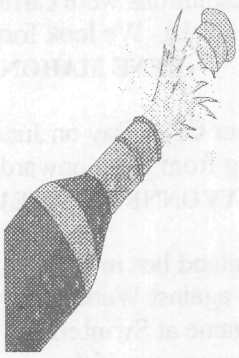

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CALLING ALL CLUBS

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There will be a curious vacuum in my life around the third or fourth Tuesday of most months from now on. But it's time to take a break and hand over to my very competent successor, **Liz Handley**, who has earlier already taken the Club Editor's reins in my absence. Her telephone number (after 6 pm) is **077207-69374**, e-mail address <liz@sentryhouse.fsnet.co.uk>
Involvement in the DN over the years has been a lot of fun and only occasionally frustrating: a great opportunity to meet interesting individuals committed in a wide variety of ways to the community. It's reduced my ignorance too, especially about football! Special thanks to those of you who always – or nearly always – remembered copy dates without a reminder or three. Good luck Liz – and I wish you all a good summer. **Sylvie Spenceley**

DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB The 2000/2001 season was the most successful in the Club's 15-year reign. Both our Composite A and Men's A teams won Division 2 in the Banbury and District League, so for the first time in the Club's history we have two teams in Division 1. We hope to build on this year's success and are looking for new members for the 2001/2002 season. Please contact Mark Tyler (01295-810732) or Clive Saunders (01869-338304) for more information.
We now have a thriving junior section (8-13 years); juniors at the moment are free and we would like to thank the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council for their support in this. Club night is Tuesday: 6-7 pm for juniors, 7-10 pm seniors. Do join us when the new season starts in September. **CHARLIE WHITE 338631**

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB As mentioned last month, the Management Committee are organising an Open Day on Monday, July 16, 7-9 pm. Activities will include clay modelling, drawing and painting with instruction, table tennis, indoor hockey, football on the all weather pitch, music games and a visit from the 'A' team (Gladiators) from Oxford. And there will be a Tuck Shop. The evening will be free for all 10-15 year-olds. Parents and anyone interested in helping in the future will be welcome. Do come. **GAY BREWER 338097**

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY On June 13 we visited Aynhoe Park, where we were given wine, food and a tour of the house and of the newly restored icehouse in the grounds. It was a lovely evening, easily matching the high standards we have set for ourselves with our summer socials. On the evening of Wednesday, July 11 we shall visit Cropredy, where a warm welcome and another guided tour await us. Our formal meetings start again at the Windmill Centre on September 12 at 7.30 pm when David Eddershaw will talk about Oxfordshire in the Civil War. We look forward to another interesting season. **CHRIS DAY 337204**

DEDDINGTON W. I. We regret the passing of Marjorie Bennett, a loyal and active member of our W.I. We shall miss her.
At our meeting on June 12, our speaker Professor Kenneth Holt told us about the early years and consequent development of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. Several questions were asked after this interesting talk. Maureen Cox had been our delegate to the I.G.M. in Cardiff on June 6 and gave a lively and very lucid report on the two Resolutions discussed at the May meeting. These were (a) that children should have access to a Dedicated School Nursing Service, and (b) that all staff caring for the elderly must undergo specific training for a recognised qualification. In spite of some severe reservations, both Resolutions were carried. Barbara Upton will demonstrate Seasonal Flower Arrangements at our meeting on July 10. We look forward to a pleasant evening. **RENE MAHONY 338438**

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB Despite the inclement weather, our Open Day on June 16 was a great success. However, if you couldn't attend, we meet every Wednesday evening from 6 pm onwards for a friendly roll-up. Why not come and give bowls a try. **YVONNE TWOMEY 337213**

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB Guess what – we won more games than England last month! In the Saturday League there was an excellent win at Radley, and a close defeat in the Cup against Watlington who are in a higher division. Other narrow losses were to Stonesfield and in a rain affected game at Swinbrook. On Sundays there was a win at Sandford St Martin, defeat at Tackley, and in our first home game of the season against Armadillos (whoever they are!) we were well beaten. The juniors have played just two games so far and still await their first win. Still, keep at it boys and girls (yes, we're delighted to have young ladies in our team); you are the Club's future. Our first Cake and Bottle stall under the Town Hall was a success, the cakes selling in double quick time. We hope *you* were at Quiz Night on June 28 and enjoyed it. **TERRY CLINCH 338711**

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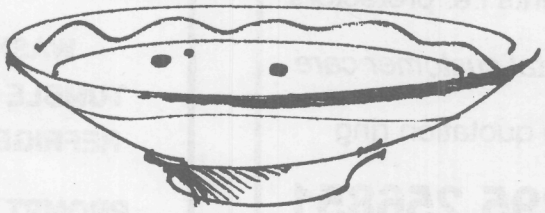

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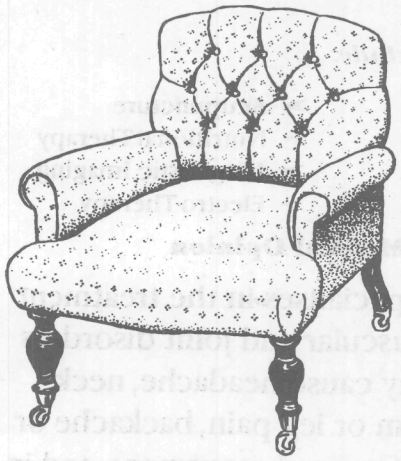

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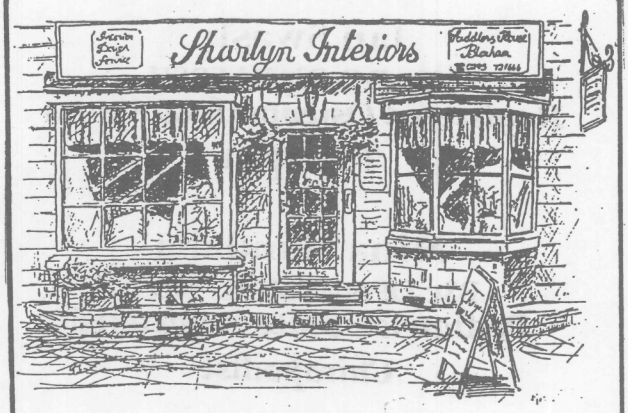

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DEDDINGTON COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB The Under 10s have upset the form book by winning the annual Tower Hill six a side tournament and taking several notable scalps in the process.
At our AGM on June 5, our Chairman Steve Kaye reported that we hoped to increase from six to seven teams next season. All teams had performed well, especially the Under 10s who won the league and were finalists in the Supplementary Cup. Steve thanked the Colts' sponsors, particularly the Deddington Arms.
The Awards evening at the Windmill Centre on June 16th was well supported by most of the 90 players and sundry relatives. Every player received a medal and the following players were singled out for awards:

Team	*Player of the Season*	*Players' Player of the Season*	*Sportsperson of the Season*	*Most Improved Player*
Under 12s	Richard Toplisek	Jack Thornton	Sam Thornton	Matthew Gibbs
Under 11s	Greig Ross	Jordan Kaye	Christopher Wood	John Farries
Under 10s	Luc Thornton	Oliver Poole	Sam Rollason	Daniel Munson
Under 9 Hawks	Josef Szenk	Sam Wyatt	Nicola Isted	Adam Webb
Under 9 Colts	James McPhee	Tamati Phethean	George Richards	Oliver Marchant
Under 8s	Benjamin Lewis	Nicholas Worrell	Ashley Smith	Edward Preece

Groundsman Terry White earned special thanks for battling the elements to keep the pitches up to scratch.
Referring to the future, Steve Kaye said it is hoped that, after a long absence, organised football will return to the Castle Grounds. Also under investigation is floodlit training at a suitable venue with professional coaching . An appeal was made for new sponsors to help with these ambitions. A new Under 8s team will depend on sufficient interest from children and enthusiastic adults to run it. Please contact Steve on 07768-874087.

DAVID ROLLASON 337351 or 07850-365508

DEDDINGTON BABIES AND TODDLERS GROUP The visit of the Playbus at the end of May was a great success. The children enjoyed going on the bus and trying the activities inside, including drawing and painting, various toys and a soft play area. Coming up shortly is the summer outing to Hatton County World on July 6. There will be animals to see, and a fun play area. Some of the attractions are under cover so even if it rains we expect to have a good time. Toddler Group will be meeting all through the summer (except July 6) so new members are welcome at any time and we're happy to see big brothers and sisters as well during the school holidays. Join us on Fridays, 9.30-11.30 am at the Windmill.

LUCY SQUIRES 338442

MONDAY MORNING CLUB Our summer coffee mornings will be on July 2 and August 6: Holly Tree 10am-noon. We have three sets of theatre tickets on offer for later in the year, so bring your diaries and cheque books. Details will be available at the meetings.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON GUIDES **Guides don't just tie knots!** *We learn to look after ourselves* – We recently had a cookout in Barford St Michael in the form of a 'ready, steady, cook' competition. Well done Stars Patrol who won. We've also learned how to put up tents; next it will be how to make survival shelters. *We learn about the environment* – We were able to take part in a bat survey in Spiceball Park, also learning a lot about birds, trees, plants from Mr Reg Tipping and Miss Alison Urwick, both licensed bat handlers. We saw about 30 bats, probably discovering a previously unknown roost. *We help others* – In the next month some guides, led by Elizabeth Cox, will show the Brownies at Barford some new games and we plan a cookout for Deddington Brownies. *We work together* – discussing, planning and enjoying a whole range of activities organised ourselves. *We go exploring* – Later this term we will be stream walking and hiking.
Deddington Guides are 30 years old in September We're calling all 'old' Guides of all ages wherever they are to join the super party we are planning. May be a family member who now lives away was a Deddington Guide? – please call us so we can get in touch. Through this year of celebration the Guides will take part in various activities featuring the total of 30: for example, helping to make 30 cakes, walk 30 miles, do 30 good turns, read 30 books, plant 30 trees, camp 30 nights. Do get in touch whether you're a former guide, or just 10 or over and want to join our growing numbers. **MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295-810069 GLYNNIS EASTWOOD 01869-337021**

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB Our regular tennis club nights on Wednesdays are busy again now that the evenings are warmer and light for so long. It's good to see all the courts in use. Thank you to the Mill Close residents who lob back all those balls which turn up in their gardens. Anyone thinking of joining is welcome to come along on a Wednesday after 6 pm. For more information ring Peter Gough, Membership Secretary (01295-810354) or me.

KATIE McGOVERN 338771

Calling all Clubs contd.

DEDDINGTON ART GROUP We continue to meet each Thursday in the Town Hall for our untutored life or portrait class. Some members featured at the recent exhibition at Banbury Town Hall. We are very friendly – why not try us one week? **ANNETTE MURPHY 337318 or FRANK PALMER 01608-659330**

DEDDINGTON SONG CIRCLE We have busked in Banbury! Some people may have paid us to stop, but we publicised Art Week and raised some money for charity. We sing for pleasure, no auditions, young or old. Ring to join us. **ANNETTE MURPHY 337318**

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MORE POETRY PLEASE !

Following last year's cheerful Millennium poetry reading,John Cheney has been asked/told/invited/ordered to arrange another reading this year. This will be on **Friday, July 13 at 7.30 pm. in The Upper Room, Unicorn Inn, Market Place, Deddington.** Please come along with a poem you have written or a favourite poem, or just come and listen. As with any event organised by John, there will be a licensed bar. ADMISSION FREE.

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Friends of Daeda's Wood

This month's report can be summarised as 'more of everything': more wild flowers, more damselflies, more wearisome removals of the sign on the gate .... Bigger and better trees too. Damselfly sightings should be reported to Nancy White (338811) who is our chief recorder this season, for which many thanks. The main imminent change – if it has not already occurred by the time you read this – is the welcome cutting of the grass which really has been getting as high as an elephant's eye.

A few people have been asking about the possibility of a repeat of Millennium Year's picnic. The F. and M. crisis put this idea on the back burner, so nothing is scheduled; but if enough people are interested we'll think about it for 2002. It *is* a lot of work, but well worth while if it's as well supported as the last one. Let me know what you think. **Sylvie Spenceley 338995**

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Deddington Farmers' Market?

38 enthusiasts came to the public meeting on Friday June 8 in the Town Hall to discuss the possibility of a Deddington farmers' market. They included livestock farmers from Milton and Dun's Tew, parishioners interested in home produce, and lots of potential customers. Peter Hannah of CDC, the manager of Banbury Farmers' Market, was present to help with the discussion of guidelines and regulations.

We agreed to set up a Steering Group . Jackie Williamson and Oliver Hawes volunteered to be members and others offered support. At its meeting on June 20 the Parish Council gave its full support to the venture and two members, Terry Clinch and myself, agreed to join the steering group. To be really effective, we probably need another one or two members – if you are interested, please contact me asap. Encouragingly, Sebastian Peissel (lamb farmer and an experienced stallholder), Peter Hannah and Councillor Paul O'Sullivan have offered to help wherever they can. Charles Newey 338282 emaiil charles.newey@deddington.net

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FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls : Only 8 calls received this month which were : I call to flooding from a leak on a central heating system; I fire in the coffee tower at Kraft Jacob Suchard; I road raffic accident on the M40; I malicious false alarm, 2 false alarms on automatic systems and 2 calls to stand by at Bicester Fire Station. Total: 59

Fire Safety : As readers are aware, from time to time I have included items on fire safety in my write-up particularly at certain times of the year. Now the Fire Service as a whole is putting the emphasis on community fire safety with the aim of preventing loss of life or injury through fire. To this end the Brigade has set up a special Community Fire Safety Team and we at Station level are doing more in this line. If there are any groups or organisations that would like a talk or demonstration on fire safety, please get in touch, and if any readers do not have smoke detectors then please get in touch. We may be able to help. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES**

GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST – PARISH AND DEANERY MAGAZINES

As a member of Deddington Church Choir soon to attend the Choir Festival of 2001, I tremble with apprehension. Will the critics of our day be as forthright as the 'critics' (no names supplied) who reported on the Deanery Choir Festival in the Parish Church in June 1900 ?

"... The weather was kind, almost every Choir escaped a wetting... our hosts in Deddington did all that could be done. They could not provide us with an organ worthy of the occasion (an American organ and an orchestra accompanied the singers)... Nothing is more important for an Oxfordshire choir than to learn to produce a good quality of tone. It does not come to them naturally. Their untrained voices are often very harsh: but this can be cured by good teaching. If the tenors and basses, no less than the altos and trebles, will pay attention to him (the conductor), and not be satisfied with themselves as they are, we look for great improvement in quality of tone next year. But there is one thing quite essential. Those who are going to take part must attend the rehearsals. The Service on the 12th would have been rendered in a much more satisfactory way if the orchestra had found out beforehand how loudly or softly they were expected to play, and if all the singers, particularly all the altos, had been present at the rehearsal... As we have allowed ourselves to criticise the choirs, will the Committee forgive us for a grumble aimed in their direction? Why should not the speechmaking after tea be rigidly limited to a quarter of an hour ? After being in Church the whole afternoon the boys want to stretch their legs and their elders like to see their friends, and everyone wants fresh air.

RUTH JOHNSON

(Oh dear ! But the Choral Evensong, after the RSCM's Choral W orkshop on Saturday, June 16th, in which our Choir took part, gave its listeners great pleasure. Even the rain, thundering down on the church roof at one point, sounded, as the Vicar remarked, like applause. From Above ? Ed.)

NEW APPOINTMENTS - Report by RAY SONES

On April 28, 2001, the Revd David Nicol was Instituted into the Benefice of Longford, Quarnford and Sheen with Reapsmoor, Newtown and Hollinsclough, in Longnor Church by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield and Inducted by the Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent. Some 25 people from the Deddington and Barfords Benefice journeyed to support David and his family in their new ministry. After the service, there was a reception in the village school. The Benefice includes the Quarnford Church which belongs to the highest village in England (although on our map the village is called "Flash" !).

The Revd Dr Edmund Newell was installed in St Paul's Cathedral on May 4, as Second Residentiary Canon. A coach was organised for the Deddington, Hempton and Barfords congregations. During the Institution, we, as invited guests, were given seats immedately adjacent to the Installation ceremony, having a better view than many of the non-involved officials of the Cathedral and invited clergy. Afterwards there was a reception in the Cathedral Crypt.

We congratulate David and Edmund on their appointments and wish them and their families a very happy future. *(This report shoud have appeared in the June issue. Apologies. Ed.)*

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Once again we have exceeded expectations and raised **£1,530.16** (last year's total , £1,232.51). Our grateful thanks to all who gave so generously to help others to a better life. This total would not have been achieved without the magnificent support of our Parish door-to-door collectors, CA Treasurer, Frieda Ivings, Church Treasurer, Jean Flux, and Christopher and Viviane Hall, with their CA introductory week, showing videos and Traidcraft products. We should also like to thank those who signed gift-aid declarations, enabling CA to claim an additional £218.43 on Parish donations.

LIZ HANDLEY & PAT BRITTAIN.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

On Ascension Day, 24 May, St. John's Church celebrated 150 years of worship since the first ever service was on Ascension Day 1851. The Church was full for the Eucharist Service conducted by the Rev. Dr. White and a party followed in the Church Hall. A special Ascension Day cake was made for the occasion. Many thanks to the people who provided refreshments.

The Quiz Night will be held on September 21 instead of September 14 and I need to know by August 18 of anyone who wishes to attend. Tickets will be limited to 40.

A villager has reported to me that vandals went through the village recently in the middle of the night, turning signs round and pulling up flowers. Let us hope this was an isolated incident.

I know that there are several new families in the village so through this column, welcome to you all. Everyone will be sorry to hear of the passing of Fred Gibbard. He lived with his wife Jean on the Barford Road corner. He was known to almost everyone, never short of something to say when he met people. He was also liked by dogs as he always carried dog biscuits with him. A true village character, he was born in Sandford St. Martin before settling in Hempton. Our condolences to Jean and his family.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

At last the restrictions have been lifted and all our footpaths and bridleways are open again. However, foot and mouth disease has not yet been eradicated from the UK and we still need to be careful to follow the advice given on the green notices. Although we are all looking forward to the promised new footpath along the main road the need for traffic calming continues. Anyone who feels strongly about this should contact the PC or OCC Highways Department. A few people have come up with suggestions on what should be used to fill the two spaces on the village map. Ideas so far include the Parish Coat of Arms and old photographs of the village. Please let me know if you have any other ideas. Your news and views are always welcome - please give me a call if you would like me to include anything in future editions.

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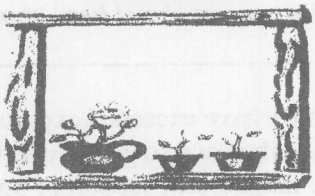

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FROM ALASTAIR AND DEBBIE WELFORD, LEADENPORCH FARM, DEDDINGTON

We have gratefully appreciated people's co-operation with the footpath and bridleway closures during the Foot and Mouth crisis. We are aware of the frustration this has caused, particularly to regular local users. We too, have missed seeing familiar faces at Leadenporch Farm and will be pleased when people start using the rights-of-way again. It has been strange, not seeing people.

At the time of writing, no Foot and Mouth has emerged in Deddington Parish. Our Highland Cattle are now grazing their usual field adjacent to the footpath by the Farm (accessed from Chapman's Lane) and four of the five cows have produced calves. We expect that the fifth cow will have her calf by the time the DN is printed. We usually name the calves after friends and local people. Perhaps local children have some ideas for names and could write to the DN with suggestions ?

Thank you for this opportunity to express our thanks to people via the DN.

FROM COLIN ROBINSON, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Again and again signs put up by the Friends of Daeda's Wood (on behalf of the Woodland Trust) during the Foot and Mouth crisis have been torn down. Why ? The signs simply informed visitors to the Wood of the Trust's policy on – at first – closing the Wood and then later, on some reasonable conditions for re-opening it, for example, keeping dogs on a lead. Let's not forget that Deddington does not own the Wood; the Trust does, and maintains it. The Trust welcomes us to the Wood, so the least we can do is observe its rules. Mindless vandalism serves no useful purpose and *in extremis* could cause the Wood to be closed altogether. Please leave the signs alone !

FROM ALAN BENNETT, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

On behalf of my family I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbours in this and surrounding villages for the love, kindness and messages of support and sympathy sent to us, following the loss of my beloved wife, Marjorie, after her prolonged fight against cancer, which she lost on June 10, 2001. I will miss her so very much and so, it is apparent, will many others.

FROM LILY HILL, (aged 88) THETFORD, NORFOLK

I continue to receive the Deddington News and appreciate it very much. So thank you to all concerned in the publication. Being a Deddingtonian born and bred, I take great interest in the various activites within the village. May the News long continue to flourish.

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SWEET (GHOSTLY) SINGING IN THE CHOIR

Last month Elizabeth Tothill asked if anyone else had heard of the ghostly choir in the Parish Church. Not exactly new evidence, but Buffy Heyward has sent a cutting from the Oxford Mail magazine, November, 1998. The article quotes a report from G.M. Jones -"On Saturday December 31, 1931, Mrs Vane Turner and a friend heard a choir singing Plain Song in (Deddington) church. The sound seemed to come from a place where there had formerly been a gallery. It was in no way .. alarming." When asked, the Vicar of the time said that there had been no choir practice that day and that 'no-one had been in the church during the morning.'" Intriguing. Further "evidence" would be most welcome. Ed.

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"STRIDE" FOR THE OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001

Have a wonderful family day out, either cycling or walking, and visit as many churches or chapels as possible. Or you could join our rota of helpers in church to welcome participants and offer refreshments.

ALL participants can obtain sponsorship; half the money raised goes to the church or chapel of your choice, and half to the OHCT, to be disbursed in grants towards repairs throughout the county.

We only had one participant last year. It would be marvellous if we could do better this September.

Sponsor-ship forms and lists of churches with maps etc. will be available from me from **July** onwards.

ANGELA WALLER 5 NEW STREET DEDDINGTON 338970

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DN 25TH. BIRTHDAY POETRY COMPETITION - Report and Winners.

After a slow beginning your poems flowed in. The response from the Primary School was magnificent, in terms of both quantity and quality. The judging took us four and a half hours.

Adults. Some very fine entries. Marie L. Smith wrote a powerful evocation of medieval castle life, as did Maureen Dew who used taut grammar, the discipline of rhyme and wasted not a word. John Cheney's rhyming couplets were a delight. Like many of the younger writers, he drew a comparison between the castle of stone and that of sand. Bill Drake chose to write a gentle lyrical description of the Castle Grounds in winter. Ralph Elsley used Shakespeare's and history's more bloodthirsty moments for his sonnet about the puissant who met their death within castle walls. His final couplet provided the perfect change of mood. Maureen Dew wrote a second, tightly worded poem, metaphysical in its use of castle imagery. All the poems were a pleasure to read.

Junior entries. Choosing just one winner proved impossible. Entries were divided into two age groups, 7 - 9 years and 9 - 11. Inevitably there were recurrent ideas and vocabulary so, in the final stages of the judging, we concentrated on signs of an individual voice, of writing that went beyond the obvious description of a castle (however good). There was also the question of illustrations, many of which were delightful and complemented the text. But some children did not illustrate their poems, many used computer graphics, we had not asked for illustrations. Finally we decided (sadly) that it would be unfair to award points for pictures. Form varied considerably. There were those who bravely ignored rhyme, but most revelled in the age-old pleasure of rhyming moon with June. Some of the Haikus were very impressive. Great length is not important if you can say what you want in 17 syllables.

Among the many young poets who were shortlisted were (in alphabetical order): Iain Durham,Tom Eden, Nancy Hall, Natasha Large, Chris Law, Isabella Rodini, Sam Rollason, Bryony Rowles, Carolyn Sullivan, Anna and Matthew Teare, Jonah Wimbush.

The Winners. Adults. First Prize: The Castle at Deddington by Maureen Dew. Highly commended: Castle Sonnet by Ralph Elsley. 7 to 9 years: First Prize: Sophie Hunsley (7 yrs.) Highly Commended: Jamie Allison (7 yrs.) Nicola Isted (7 yrs.) Nicholas Worrell (8 yrs.) 9 to 11 years: First prize: Jack Davies (9 yrs.) Highly Commended: Tama Phethean (9 yrs.) Michelle Light (10 yrs.) Holly Taylor (11 yrs.)

The three winning poems will be read at the DN's 25th Birthday Celebration on September 7th. at the Castle Grounds. This month we print three of the Highly Commended poems, the winners will be printed in September and others during the autumn. Congratulations, and our thanks, to everyone who took part. You have shown that poetry is far from a forgotten art in the 21st. Century. Ed.

Highly Commended

SONNET
by
RALPH ELSLEY

"This castle hath a pleasant seat," so said
King Duncan when he came to Inverness;
He little knew ere morning he'd be dead,
The victim of his muderous hostess.

"How sour sweet music is," King Richard sighed,
When in the confines of old Pomfret's walls.
'Twas only moments ere he bravely died
And suffered there the fate that Kings befalls.

On what in Berkeley Castle Lightborn did
It would be better for us not to dwell:
The brutal means that he employed to rid
England of Edward was a deed of Hell.

So history shows we would much safer be
Not in a castle, but a semi-d.

DN 25TH. BIRTHDAY POETRY COMPETITION Cont.

(Two of the junior Highly Commended entries.)

CASTLES
by
JAMIE ALLISON

Castle, castles
Towers bold
Flags aflutter
Rippling gold

Castle, castles
Dungeons dingy
Kings don't care for
Peasants whingeing

Castle, castles
Bows and swords
See the splendour
Of our hoards

Castle, castles
Ghosts and witches
Blood and horror
Fill our ditches

THE CASTLE (Haiku)
by
TAMA PHETHEAN

Smouldering embers,
Portcullis smashed and broken,
Castle under siege.

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NO DEDDINGTON NEWS IN AUGUST

COPY DATE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE

TUESDAY AUGUST 21 2001

Of course nobody deliberately sends in late copy and we understand when, occasionally, it is unavoidable. Most village magazines ask for copy no later than the middle of the previous month. We wait until the last feasible moment so that we can have as complete a record of forthcoming events as possible. This means working flat out, not just on editing and lay-out but on the whole sequence of processes that brings the DN to your door each month. Late copy is a nightmare. The next copy date is ALWAYS in the current issue. Please check and send your copy in on time. Thank you. Ed.

GARDENING NOTES

The new plants are in and the watering season has started. Each evening, wet or dry, Ralph and I issue forth watering cans in hand and do our stuff. And if we are ever away for a couple of days we suffer agonies of anxiety wondering if the little dears in the containers are surviving. So what about it? Can one make some sort of rule about this? Most gardeners would say that tubs last for three days at least without added water and I think that is probably so. But then they do need a good soaking, and not with icy cold water straight from the mains system nor with a fierce blast out of the hose pipe but with something a little more kindly. I try to keep two big cans full of tap water to warm up a bit during the day and use that in the evening. And we water every evening, even when it's been pouring. Big leafed plants construct a sort of umbrella over themselves and the rain doesn't actually get to the soil. New plants get a dose of Phosphogen when they are put into the ground, container plants get fed once a week and hanging baskets every other day. It would be delightful to have one of those automatic systems which switch on at a given time and by means of a little tube dispense just the right amount of moisture to each urn. Intravenous feeding - and oh yes, I have seen such an arrangement right here in Deddington.
We have in the last few years kept everything that needs water near the house. I don't fancy lugging heavy cans up to the top of the garden. But you've all got your own system and I should love to hear how other people manage. What irritates me is that just one good natural rainfall will do more than all the conscientious watering you can muster. Life just ain't fair.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

'The rabbit has a charming face. Its private life is a disgrace.
I really dare not name to you the awful things that rabbits do.' The Week-end Book 1925
My copy of 'Gardening with the Enemy' by Janet Thompson arrived promptly - I read it with enthusiasm. It gives good advice for owners of flower gardens, but ... well, here are a few tips: creosote-soaked string round beds; Epsom Salts sprinkled round plants; newspapers stuffed into the rabbit holes; balloons tied to stakes in the ground; plastic bottles with tops cut off and holes made in the bottom to cover individual plants; mesh fence; black thread; lion dung. Consolation: the droppings are good for the soil. So it's not all bad. From my own patch I have gathered mint and parsley (obviously Brer R. doesn't like those) and a beautiful bouquet of lupins. The potatoes are growing and the broad beans will be in time for Christmas.
Welcome to our new allotmenteer - Kelvin Mitchell.

THELMA DOVER

(After last month's puma rumour, John Neild, who is granted a preview of certain sections of the DN, asks: In the absence of lion, will puma dung do ?)

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NEWS FROM DEDDINGTON POLICE OFFICE

In the year ending 2000, overall crime across the Thames Valley Police area (Berks, Bucks & Oxon) has fallen by 2%. This makes Thames Valley one of the safest places in the country. Vehicle crime fell by 15% with house burglaries down by 14.7% This is a continuing fall which has resulted in a 50% cut in the number of properties attacked over the last 8 years. Recruitment and retention of Officers is a major concern nationwide, and this Force suffers even more because of the expensive cost of living in this area. A campaign is under way to recruit an extra 325 Officers during this year.
A major concern from the public is getting through on the telephone, the problem being that the number of calls handled has trebled over the last few years and the present system cannot cope. Therefore a project is now under way to improve telephone handling. Next year new state of the art control rooms will open to deal with the increasing amount of 999 calls, with two other centres being opened to deal with the increase of non-urgent calls.
Deddington Police Office was the first rural office to open in the Thames Valley area and others are now being planned across the Force. At the end of June a new rural office opened at Upper Heyford to take into account the growing population. A new office will open in Burford this year. This will help to maintain Officers working with rural communities.

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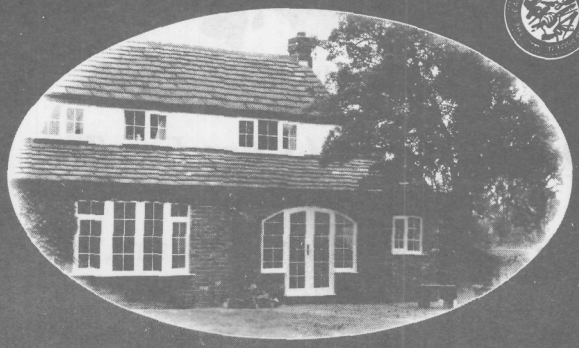

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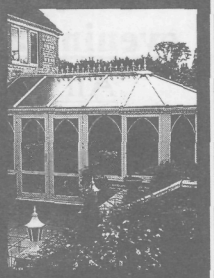

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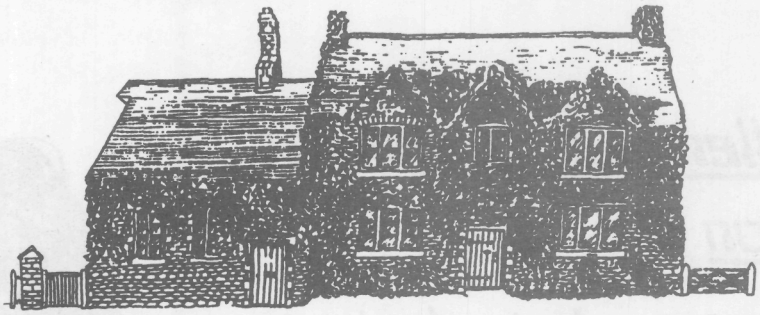

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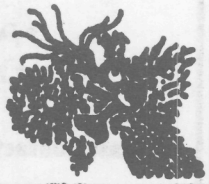

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DAY SCHOOL ON DEDDINGTON CASTLE 12 May, 2001. Extracts from **COLIN COHEN'S** report
The Day School, organised by OUDCE in conjunction with Deddington and District History Society, was highly successful and attended by some 80 delegates from as far away as Portsmouth. We heard four speakers on the subject of castles in general and on Deddington's in particular. Dr. Chris Day organised and chaired the Workshop which we hope will lead to further investigations at the site
After the Conquest, Deddington was granted to William's half-brother, Odo of Bayeux, warrior bishop and tapestry fancier. The Deddington estate was one of the richest manors in Oxfordshire, worth twice as much as Banbury. Odo was deprived of his estates for rebellion in 1088.
By the mid 12th century Deddington and its castle were in the hands of William de Chesney. After the civil war of 1138 – 53 between Stephen and Matilda, the Chesneys were allowed to retain some of their lands, including Deddington. Inheritance to the estates was disputed, with the result that in 1190 Deddington was divided into three manors, a division that more or less persisted, and had long-lasting implications. The Castle manor next passed into the hands of the de Dive family, related to the Chesneys by marriage. The Dives were supporters of Richard the Lionheart against his troublesome brother, John.
By 1277 the castle was described as 'demolished' and in 1310 as 'debile' meaning 'weak, diminished'. Archaological evidence confirms that there had been no new building during the 13th century . In 1377 the canons of Bicester Priory were given permission to cart away the dressed stone from the walls. I suppose if you really want to rediscover the stones of Deddington Castle, you should go to Bicester.
The archives contain references to 15th. and 16th. century repairs at Castle House but none to buldings of the Castle. There may have been nothing above ground worthy of antiquarian Leland's notice in the early 16th. century, but plenty remained below. It was noted in 1819 that people were digging for building material at the east end of the site and that the keep had been excavated in the 1840s. Despite the depredations there remained stonework for 20th century archaologists to uncover.
The de Dive family's long association with Deddington had ended in 1364 when they sold their estate here to the Warden and Canons of St. George's Chapel, newly founded by Edward 111 in Windsor Castle. The Canons held it for 500 years until, in 1866, the title passed to the Ecclesiastical Commisioners. In 1945 they sold the site to Deddington Parish Council, who still own it today.

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SEPTEMBER DIARY

Mon	3	Monday Morning Club, coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon.
Tue	4	Dedd & District Carers Group, Open Meeting, Windmill 1 pm. - 4 pm. (p.9)
Wed	5	Monday Morning Club bus for Stratford leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm.
Wed	5	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri	7	Unveiling of Deddington Castle Information panel, gift of Deddington News, Castle Grounds, 5 pm.
Sat	8	Sponsored "stride" for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. (p.11)
Tue	11	WI: Mrs Hilary Hammond, *Hilary's Hats, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.*
Wed	12	Friendship Club: Social Services Talk by Caroline Needham, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Wed	12	Dedd History Society, D Eddershaw, *Oxfordshire in the Civil War,* Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Wed	19	Parish Council meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Fri	21	Hempton Quiz Night
Wed	26	WI: Talk on visit to Croatia by Mrs Barbara Alt of Barford, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.

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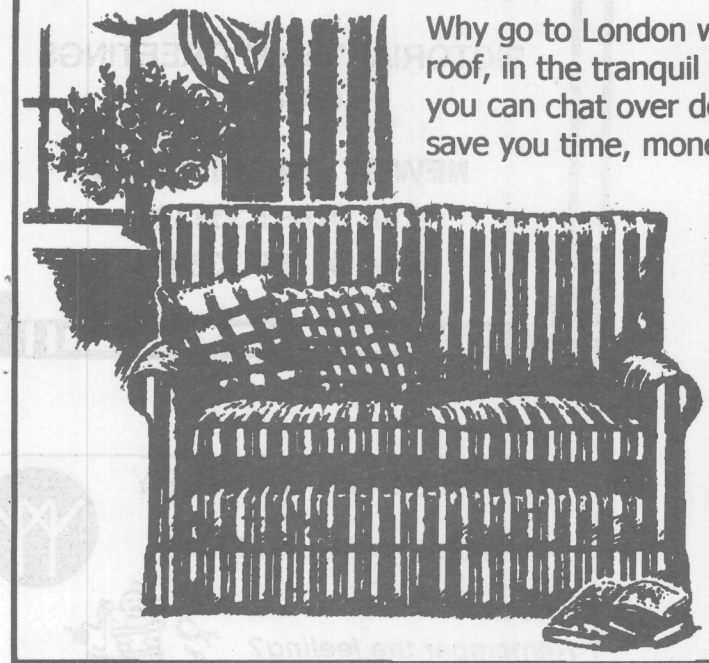

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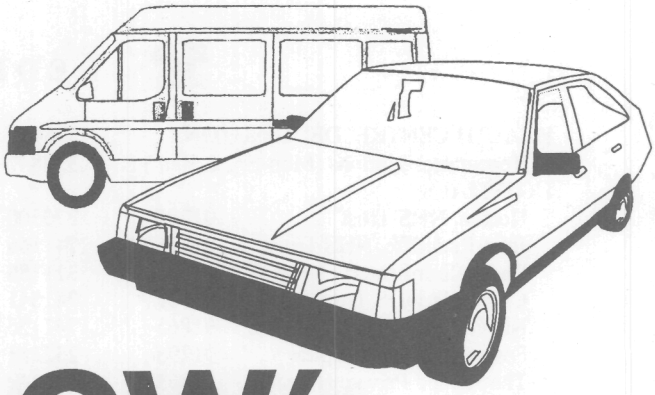

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